

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2008  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on May 14, 2008 at 9:30AM at Anaheim City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd in Anaheim, CA.

Members Present:   Quentin Kopp, Chairman  
                          Fran Florez  
                          Rod Diridon, Sr.  
                          Curt Pringle  
                          Lynn Schenk  
                          Thomas Umberg

Members Absent:   David Crane  
                          Kirk Lindsey  
                          TJ Stapleton

**Opening Comments**

Chairman Kopp welcomed Board Members to today's meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:**

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for approval. Member Florez moved to approve, Member Diridon seconded, which carried 6-0.

**Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation**

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Florez moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation seconded by Member Diridon, which carried 6-0.

**Member Reports**

Chairman Kopp reported that AB 3034 was approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee in April with a 10-0 vote. Chairman Kopp was present at the hearing to testify in support of the bill. Chairman Kopp stated the amended version of AB 3034 had been distributed to the Board with the addition of several co-authors. The bill itself was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and last week the bill had been put on the suspense file. Chairman Kopp reported speaking with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee who stated the bill would be removed from suspense on May 21, 2008. Chairman Kopp stated AB 3034 must be signed by the Governor by June 26, 2008.

Member Umberg took the oath to serve on the Board for the California High Speed Rail Authority. Chairman Kopp welcomed Member Umberg to the Board.

Chairman Kopp reported the Assembly Budget Committee Subcommittee No. 5 had a hearing on the CHSRA proposed 08/09 budget. No action was taken. Chairman Kopp reported the Authority seeks \$17M+ until the Bond Measure election on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and then an additional \$34M in bonds proceeds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Chairman Kopp reported he and Executive Director Morshed had a meeting with the General Manager of the Transbay Terminal Project in San Francisco. Chairman Kopp reported this project consists of moving the train terminal a mile and a half to a more downtown location in San Francisco.

Chairman Kopp reported he attended a meeting with the Senate Budget Committee Subcommittee No. 4 where the HSR project was not well received. No action was taken at this hearing.

Chairman Kopp also reported having two meetings with the General Manager of the San Francisco International Airport who volunteered to collect the support of all of the major airports in California. Chairman Kopp stated the General Manager has already garnered the support of Los Angeles, Fresno and San Diego. Having all of the major airports behind the HSR Project is a very positive development.

Chairman Kopp reported he, Member Pringle and Executive Director Morshed attended a meeting with Senator Cogdill. Chairman Kopp stated Senator Cogdill was pleased with the status of the HSR project.

Chairman Kopp reported in April the Cooperation Agreement with the French Government with the Ambassador to the United States from France was signed in San Francisco. Executive Director Morshed was present for the signing and was part of the French-American Chamber of Commerce dinner.

Member Diridon reported effective July 2008 he would assume the Chair of Principal National Advocacy for High Speed Rail.

Member Diridon stated he had distributed to the Board three separate documents for their review, the first was the APTA position on rail in which high speed rail has been given equal status of each of the other rail programs in the nation which took 2 years to negotiate. The second document was a description of the Senate bill that was passed on a 70-22 vote which mirrors House Bill 6003, which creates \$350M dollars per year for the next 5 years for studies in engineering for inter-city rail, including high-speed rail and House Bill 6004, which is specifically for inter-city and high-speed rail which creates \$1.2B in tax exemptions and \$1.2B in tax credits per year for the 6-year authorization period. The third document detailed a bill by Senators Dodd and Hagle to create an

infrastructure bank which would create as much as \$60B initially to begin renewing the U.S. infrastructure.

Chairman Kopp recognized Councilmember of the City of Fullerton, the Honorable Don Bankhead who was present at the meeting.

### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Morshed reported that AB 3034 was expected to be taken out of the suspense file the week after the Board meeting and would then move to the Senate. Executive Director Morshed stated the Authority has been working on a tight schedule because the bill has to be passed and chaptered by June 26, 2008.

Executive Director Morshed also reported another bill of interest is SB 1422 by Senator Lowenthal who is the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, this bill includes technical corrections to the abilities and responsibilities as it relates to eminent domain.

Executive Director Morshed reported working with the Department of Finance and the Administration regarding the budget. The Governor will be presenting the May Revise at 1:00pm.

Executive Director Morshed reported concurrence from both the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and U.S. EPA has been received regarding the Bay Area-Central Valley EIR/EIS, both of which were required before the Authority could proceed. The EIR/EIS has also been reviewed by the Federal Railroad Association's (FRA) legal and executive staff and was presently in the hands of the FRA Administrator. Executive Director Morshed stated after the FRA Administrator approved the EIR/EIS it would then go to the US EPA. Executive Director Morshed stated certification of the EIR/EIS will be brought to the Board at the July Board meeting. Also scheduled for July is a public comment hearing, which will be the day before the Board meeting. This will allow the Authority to receive public comment regarding the Bay Area-Central Valley EIR/EIS.

Executive Director Morshed also reported staff continue to work with the Altamont Working Group, and progress is being made to develop a process for work on the Altamont Corridor.

Executive Director Morshed reported the State Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee is interested in hearing about the HSR Project and would possibly take a position on the Bond Measure.

Executive Director Morshed reported a meeting with Richard Slawson who is the Executive Secretary of the LA Orange Building Construction Trade Council. Mr.

Slawson is very interested in the Project and the Bond Measure and plans on taking the issue to the Trade Council Board of Directors for support.

Executive Director Morshed reported work with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) is taking place regarding ways their rail consolidation and high-speed rail can work together and benefit each other. A request for authorization would be presented to the Board to enter into an MOU with the Fresno COG so that work can proceed and funding can be received.

Executive Director Morshed reported the next Board meeting will take place June 11, 2008 in Los Angeles, and the July meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board will hear public comment on the Bay Area-Central Valley EIR/EIS and July 9<sup>th</sup> the Board will take action. The public hearing is on July 8, 2008 and the Board meeting July 9, 2008, in San Francisco.

**Council Member Don Bankhead**  
**City of Fullerton**

Mr. Bankhead stated the City of Fullerton strongly supports the HSR Project. To date the City, CalTrans and OCTA has invested millions of dollars in public transit services at the Fullerton Transportation Center. Mr. Bankhead stated Fullerton has the busiest rail station between Los Angeles and San Diego along the LOSSAN corridor. In addition, the City of Fullerton is working with CalTrans and OCTA to construct a new parking structure to accommodate up to 1000 rail passengers. There would be a platform adjacent to the parking structure that could accommodate high-speed rail. Mr. Bankhead stated the City of Fullerton supports the Authority's budget request for \$103M towards the development of high-speed rail. Mr. Bankhead stated on behalf of the City of Fullerton that the Authority consider a stop in Fullerton which would serve the region and build upon a previous transportation investment.

**Mayor Jesus Gamboa**  
**City of Visalia**

Mayor Gamboa stated the City of Visalia continues to support the HSR Project. Mr. Gamboa stated he believes a station could be designed and utilized in the Tulare-Kings County area. However, the criteria must meet the needs of individual communities and not be inflexible because one station design might work for one area but not another. Mr. Gamboa also stated the City of Visalia's airport supports the HSR Project and would like to join with Los Angeles, Fresno and San Diego.

**Financial Plan Briefing**

Barbara Lloyd from Lehman Brothers and Carrie Farley from Infrastructure Management Group provided an update on the Request for Expressions work as well as other financial planning activities to date.

Judge Kopp requested a list of names of all responses regarding the RFEI be distributed to the Board.

Ms. Lloyd stated the list will be provided to Executive Director Morshed.

The financing plan presentation is available upon request.

### **Program Manager's Report**

Mr. Daniels reported a second state-wide agency meeting had taken place in Sacramento. Attendees included the US EPA, CalTrans and CA SHPO.

Mr. Daniels reported work has started on MOU/A's with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies on the Bay Area-Central Valley EIR/EIS content and review procedures.

Mr. Daniels reported the current master schedule to the Record of Decision for all segments has been completed.

Mr. Daniels reported a meeting of Southern California directors of agencies is scheduled for June 12, 2008 at SCAG.

Mr. Daniels reported the Program EIR/EIS alternative of two freight and two passenger tracks in the Los Angeles – Orange County corridor were found to be not operationally feasible with the higher 2030 growth in freight traffic in this corridor.

Mr. Daniels presented the newest video of the California High-Speed Rail Project.

Mr. Daniels' presentation is available upon request.

### **Anaheim – Los Angeles Corridor Report**

Robert Close from STV presented a briefing on the planning, engineering, environmental and outreach work to date for the Los Angeles to Anaheim Project-Level EIR/EIS environmental process.

Mr. Close's presentation is available upon request.

### **Communication Manager's Report**

Ms. Deutschman reported on the outreach work with elected officials, policy makers and local, regional and state agencies.

Ms. Deutschman stated educating the general public is the Outreach Team's ultimate goal by using earned media both print and broadcast.

Ms. Deutschman reported the key issues specific to stakeholders includes alignment options, local and community impact, economic benefits and costs and natural resource issues.

Ms. Deutschman reported much progress has been made with the Altamont Working Group. The Group is now meeting on a monthly basis.

Ms. Deutschman reported a positive response for the HSR Project in Southern California and the Central Valley.

Ms. Deutschman reported between January and April 2008 there were over 100 newspaper stories and 100 TV and radio reports which is equivalent to \$1.5M in advertising and 13 million audience impressions.

Ms. Deutschman's presentation is available upon request.

### **HST Station Development Policies**

Executive Director Morshed stated the Board directed the Authority at the last meeting to draft a policy that is broader and more incentive oriented. Executive Director Morshed stated the objective of the Authority for maximizing ridership and revenue will be in tune with what the market will want to operate and the way most communities will want to operate. Executive Director recommended the Board's approval of the new language.

Chairman Kopp stated he believed the language mandated stations to charge for parking which is not incentive based.

Executive Director Morshed stated the HST stations would operate more like an airport where passengers are charged to park.

Member Pringle suggested the language regarding parking should be at "market rates" since it implies the potential of being free and also implies what the financial value of the parking will be.

Member Diridon stated free parking would encourage passengers to drive to the train station which would increase pollution. Member Diridon stated the paid parking would help to encourage the use of other public transportation into the HST station, such as BART and public buses.

Member Schenk stated there are areas where no public transportation is available or public transportation is very inconvenient and will remain that way for a very long time. Member Schenk stated she believed at the outset the policy should maintain flexibility.

Chairman Kopp stated the policy presented to the Board was a document of incentives and the proposal to charge for parking is not an incentive. It is a mandate. Chairman Kopp stated it is inconsistent with the language of the rest of the document.

Executive Director Morshed stated the price of a parking structure is not included in the cost estimate. If free parking is considered, the Authority will need to include that in the cost estimate which would raise costs.

Member Pringle stated it should be clear that parking is not scored within the station costs at each of the points.

Member Diridon moved to accept the new language with the proposed amendments, Member Pringle seconded. The motion carried, 6-0.

#### **Presentation on the Authority's New Website**

Kris Deutschman presented an overview of the new California High-Speed Rail Authority website.

#### **Presentation on ARTIC Station**

Natalie Meeks with the City of Anaheim gave an overview and update on the ARTIC Station and the transit oriented development proposed in the station area.

#### **Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was provided during each public agenda item.

An opportunity for public comment was provided after all agenda items were heard.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm**